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The Yellow Dress is a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. This carefully constructed program follows the progression of an abusive relationship and stimulates thought-provoking discussions about relationships — a topic important to every young person's life. Audiences are clearly moved by the story of a young woman who tells us of her relationship — that begins as young love, full of passion and promise and ends in tragedy.

Major Learning Points:

- ◆ Identify types of abuse and recognize the early warning signs
- ◆ Learning how to help friends/family members who are victims or perpetrators of abuse
- ◆ Understand the important role that bystanders play in prevention and in establishing cultural norms
- ◆ Discuss reporting options and local resources

About the Play:

In **The Yellow Dress**, we meet Anna and become immersed in the story of her relationship with her boyfriend, Rick. Speaking directly to the audience, in an intimate and honest monologue, Anna describes the different types of abuse she experiences at his hand. By following the course of her relationship, we are exposed to the effect that verbal abuse, jealousy, possessiveness and physical assault have on the victims of dating violence. Anna tells us how Rick romances and then isolates her, portraying the cycle of abuse. Ultimately, we see the devastation that occurs when someone doesn't understand how to safely leave an abusive relationship.

Post Performance:

An interactive after-show discussion features the trained actor/educator who helps to reinforce the educational points of the play with the students. School and community resources are introduced at this time.

Additional Information:

Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options, for students, parents, and school personnel. The workshops are fun and engaging and can be tailored to the needs of your community. **The Yellow Dress** script is also available through our Limited Performance Rights and Artist in Residence Program. For more information about **The Yellow Dress** or any of our performances and programs contact us at:

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Audience
Size:
300